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SUBJ: CUBAN MISSION ACTIVITIES

1. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES SUPPORT THE REPORTED ACTIVITIES OF THE CUBAN UN MISSION IN INVITING VARIOUS AMERICAN PERSONS AND PRIVATE GROUPS TO CUBA FOR BRIEFINGS ON CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA AND SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA. E.G., SEE THE WASHINGTON POST FOR 21 FEBRUARY AT PAGES A-1 AND A-8. THE PRINCIPAL CUBAN MISSION OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVITATIONS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS APPEARS TO BE JULIAN TORRES RIZO, A FIRST SECRETARY WHO ARRIVED JANUARY 20, 1976.

2. FROM OUR VANTAGE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE NOT RELATED TO THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE CUBAN PERMANENT MISSION IN REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF CUBA AT THE UN. WE RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REQUESTING THE DEPARTURE OF TORRES FOR ABUSE OF THE "PRIVILEGES OF RESIDENCE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13(B) OF THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.

3. AS IN THE CASE OF ANY POSSIBLE INVOCATION OF SECTION 13(B) WE NEED TO BE PREPARED TO INFORM THE SYG CONFIDENTIALLY OF THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR A US DETERMINATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ABUSE OF PRIVILEGES OF RESIDENCE.

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THERE NEEDS ALSO TO BE BORNE IN MIND THE THEORETICAL

POSSIBILITY THAT, IF DISPUTED BY THE SYG, THE MATTER COULD GO TO ARBITRATION AND EVENTUALLY TO THE ICJ FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION. HOWEVER, TORRES' ACTIVITIES AND THEIR UNRELATED CHARACTER TO CUBAN REPRESENTATION AT THE UN SUGGESTS THAT THE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED CAN BE SUSTAINED.

4. SINCE TORRES' ACTIVITIES COME UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON AND SINCE ALARCON HIMSELF HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN BORDERLINE ACTIVITIES ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER WE WOULD WISH TO MOVE AGAINST HIM RATHER THAN HIS UNDERLING.
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